



PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket: 9051.37

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Lynn Y. Shimada )  
Application No.: 09/345,820 )  
Filing Date: June 30, 1999 )  
Title: Method and Software Article for Selecting )  
Electronic Payment of Vendors in an )  
Automated Payment Environment )  
Examiner: Alain L. Bashore )  
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby respectfully requests continued examination of the above-referenced patent application, and provides this amendment and fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114. The following Amendment and Response addresses every rejection set forth in the Office Action mailed April 27, 2004, thus placing the application in condition for allowance.